[14th March 1928

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" In view of the remarks made by the District Collector will the Government be pleased to define or to make clear what exactly they mean by ' deserving cases ' ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" As at present advised I am unable to see that there is much doubt in the matter."

Local Fund Audit

Temporary and acting clerks in the Local Audit department.

* 1737 Q.—Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of officiating and temporary clerks on 1st January 1928 in the Local Audit department and their qualifications ;

(b) the normal period during which they are likely to be confirmed ;

(c) whether there are any cases in which officiating clerks were thrown out of service (1) prior to 1st January 1928 and (2) after 1st January 1928, (i) for not producing medical certificates of fitness at the time of confirmation or (ii) for not obtaining the sanction of the head of the department exempting them from age-limit ;

(d) if reply to (c) above be in the affirmative, whether the hon. Member will reconsider the cases of those sent out for not obtaining exemption from age-limit ; and

(e) whether the same principle that was applied in the cases referred to above will be applied in future also to other officiating clerks in the department and the new entrants ?

A.—(a) The number of officiating and temporary clerks in the Local Audit Department on the 1st January 1928 was 31. They are all graduates.

(b) Confirmation depends on the occurrence of vacancies and on the understood principle that the claims of all communities must be considered in making permanent appointments to the department.

(c), (d) & (e) With reference to that principle, in two cases notice has been given to officiating clerks that their services will not be permanently required, but the question of how inequalities of recruitment in this department should be rectified is under examination and these cases will be finally disposed of with reference to the final conclusions that may be arrived at.

Irrigation

Drainage scheme for Sengatipuram village.

* 1738 Q.—Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether provision has been made in the budget for 1928–29, for the drainage scheme sanctioned for the Sengatipuram village in Nannilam taluk, Tanjore district, and whether the work will be carried out this year ?

A.—No, it is a complicated matter and the estimate is not yet ready for submission to Government.